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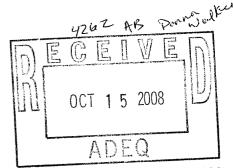
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4	Philip McNeely
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PROCEEDINGS 1 2 Welcome. This is the August 27, 2008 UST Policy 3 Commission meeting, so it's a call to order and we will 4 start on my left with the roll call. 5 Tamara Huddleston. MS. HUDDLESTON: 6 MR. MC NEELY: Phil McNeely. 7 MS. JOHNSEN: Trisha Johnsen. 8 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Gail Clement. 9 MS. GAYLORD: Karen Gaylord. 10 MR. BUNCH: Bill Bunch. 11 MS. CHABERSKI: Cathy Chaberski. 12 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Okay. We're all here. 13 Now we will move to the next agenda item, which 14 15 is approval of the minutes from the June 25th, 2008 meeting. That was our last UST Policy Commission meeting. 16 17 We did not have a July meeting. Did everybody receive their minutes and have a 18 chance to look at them? 19 Were there any comments or discussion? 2.0 Is there a motion to approve the June meeting 21 minutes? 22 23 MS. CHABERSKI: Motion to approve. CHATRPERSON CLEMENT: Second? 24 MR. MC NEELY: Second. 25

CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: All in favor? 1 (Chorus of ayes.) 2 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Anyone opposed? 3 Okay. The June 25th, 2008 meeting minutes have 4 5 been approved. Okay. And then we're going to jump now to Item 6 No. 3, which is the ADEQ updates, and Mr. McNeely will 7 take it from here. MR. MC NEELY: ADEQ updates. If you look in your 9 packet, I will start with the Corrective Action Section 10 It is the same format that we've been using for a 11 Table. long time. We will start off with the LUST statistics. 12 June, July, you can see that we're not getting a whole lot 13 of new LUSTs reported. In June we had one; July we had 14 15 two. And the LUSTs closed, we closed 14 releases in 16 June and 33 in July. So that's good, but still if you 17 look at how many we still have open, we have about 1100 18 19 open and about a thousand, a little bit over a thousand are eligible for SAF, so we need to keep the closures high 20 to make that thousand in the next two years if we're going 21 22 to make that. Corrective action documents, just to show you 23 what's in our house right now, five characterization 24 reports, three CAPS. The good one is 13 closure requests, 25

so they're still coming in, 13 closure requests. 1 Five work plans. Remember, work plans, we can 2 only accept work plans until June 30th of next year, so we 3 only have ten more months, and that's important for the volunteers. Owner/operators, it's not as important, but 5 volunteers have to have a work plan to do the work. So, going on down the page, the Municipal Tank 7 Closure program, we're still pushing that. We've moved 8 163 tanks in that program, and we're still finding more 9 tanks and we're still finding more abandoned stations. 10 And that's a -- for anyone who doesn't know, that's a 11 12 program where we actually -- the State will pull these tanks out of the ground for free. The property owners are 1.3 not liable for the tanks, and it's a rural initiative. 14 That means in a town with less than 15,000. 15 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Does the town have to be 16 incorporated? 17 MR. MC NEELY: No. We changed that a couple of 18 19 years ago where a county can now apply. It had to be -either a town or a county had to apply. 2.0 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: So the government, the 21 population in that area still would have to be less than 22 15,000 if the county applied? 23 MR. MC NEELY: No. That's the thing. So, if 2.4

it's unincorporated, you're eligible. If it is

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incorporated, you have to be less than 15,000.

CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Okay. Thank you.

MR. MC NEELY: And all the counties have been pretty good about it, really. We're running around looking for these, too. If we find them, we will go to the county, and they are more than willing to put an application through, so we help them.

I'm going to move on to the -- is there any
questions on the corrective action?

Move on to the colored graphs, the State
Assurance Fund graphs. In June we received 70 claims and
we processed 63. And in July we received 70 claims again,
and we processed 69. So we're hanging in there just
processing what we receive.

And if you look down at the bottom of at the table, we have 126 in-house. 85 of those are reimbursement; 34 direct pay, which is a payment against preapproval; and 7 are preapproval applications. And all of them are within 90 days, so we're keeping up.

The appeals on the next page, we had 26 informal appeal requests in July, and we processed 29 in July. And just to give you -- we never really totaled the total number, but I asked for that. Our total in-house number is 59 informal appeals as of today, so we have 59 in-house.

For the formal appeals, we had two requests in 1 July and we processed 12 in July. We have 17 formal 2 appeals in-house. Out of those 17, we don't think any 3 will go to hearing right now. I mean, we're still working on it, but it seems like most of them are being resolved 5 or settled. There is another table to show you where all the 7 claims are in process. 8 Any questions about the SAF? 9 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Well, when we get into the 10 -- Mr. McNeely, when we get into the -- we asked you to 11 12 put together the time frames in the process itself --MR. MC NEELY: Right. 13 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: -- i had a few questions I 14 think will be more appropriate for that. 15 MR. MC NEELY: Okay. Well, that's Item A. But I 16 think -- I'm trying to -- I guess I will talk about the 17 UST program conference real quickly. 18 19 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: MR. MC NEELY: That's on 3(b). 2.0 We are going to have a conference on October 15th 21 from 9 to 1 o'clock in the ADEQ building here, in Room 22 3175, which is upstairs, a little bit bigger room. 23 used to do it every year for years. We didn't do it last 24

year, but we're going to do it a again this year just to

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update everybody on what's going on because of the SAF sunset ending and Energy Act, and the MNA rules.

So, the agenda right now in general is going to be Joe Drosendahl talking about the MNA rules and the 26304 closures. That's closures above water quality standards, just the process, how it's going, what we expect if you request that. Time line for the MNA rules, because the time line is coming up where we have to get CAPS approved, so we're going to discuss all that.

Ron Kern will talk about the Energy Act, where we're going with -- actually where we are with it. We have developed a stop use order, how it looks, the order, the stop use order satisfaction, how the website will look, how the tag will look, things like that.

Tara will talk about the SAF, just the process and how it's going and any issues that we have that we see that maybe we could correct. And then I will just give an overview, so it will be four hours of just talking and answering questions.

CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Did you want the Policy Commission to give a little blurb like you usually do, five seconds?

MR. MC NEELY: Right. I was going to ask if you wanted to talk or somebody wanted to possibly talk, just give an update of what we've been doing for the last

couple of years, if you want to. 1 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Let me check my calendar 2 and I will confirm with you. 3 MR. MC NEELY: I don't know if anybody else 4 really wants to, but I think we had the APMA talk one 5 year. If anybody else wants to do something, we are more 6 7 than willing to give a slot. CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: We could have the Technical 8 Subcommittee chairperson, or we could have the Evaluation 9 Subcommittee chairpersons. You don't think there is any 10 reason for that? 11 MR. BUNCH: I don't see a big need. 12 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: 13 Okav. Well, I will jump into the 14 MR. MC NEELY: Okay. 15 SAF appeals process, I guess. It was requested to put this on the agenda about -- I didn't really have a big 16 17 discussion about it. It just says, "Including Required Appeal and Response Time, " so that's what I came up with. 18 19 So, what we do with the process is we do an interim determination. That's just a letter that we send 20 out and we send a check out with that interim 2.1 determination for direct pays, if they're going to get 22 paid. Whatever we approve, we send the check out with the 23 interim determination. 24

The applicant has 30 days to appeal that as an

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informal appeal. If they don't appeal it within 30 days, 1 that interim determination becomes final after 45 days. 2 And what we try to do, we try to send out a final 3 4 determination in that case between that 30 days and 5 45 days. If we don't send it out, then automatically that interim determination becomes final at the 45-day mark, 6 and then there is 30 more days for the applicant to do a 7 formal appeal. So that's if there is no appeal. If there 8 is no informal appeal, they have 45 days plus another 30 days, so they have 75 days to do the appeal. 10 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Can I go through that 11 again, so I'm clear in my own mind? 12 Okay. MR. MC NEELY: 13 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: So, if you have an interim 14 determination, at that point you send out a check or a --15 MR. MC NEELY: We send out a check if it's a 16 reimbursement or direct pay; if it's a preapproval, right. 17 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Then the applicant between 18 -- after the interim determination, the applicant has 30 19 days to appeal that, and then informal appeal? 20 21 MR. MC NEELY: Right. CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: If they do not appeal that 22 in that 30-day time frame, then at 45 days that becomes a 2.3 final determination? 24 25 MR. MC NEELY: Right.

CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: And then after that 1 45 days, they have another 45 days? 2 MR. MC NEELY: 30 days. 3 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: 30 days. Okay. MR. MC NEELY: They have another 30 days to do a 5 formal appeal if they missed the informal appeal for some 6 reason. And we tried -- the way we try to do it, we try 7 to send a final determination letter every time on those, but sometimes we miss the time frame. If we miss the 45 day time frame, then we don't send another letter out. 10 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: So, your goal is to send 11 out a letter saying that the final determination is X, but 12 if that letter does not go out, it is still a final 13 determination, and if the 45 days is reached, you don't 14 send a final determination letter out? 15 MR. MC NEELY: Right. That would be two final 16 determinations at that point, and, I mean, typically --17 and the reason we don't necessarily send the letter out in 18 this case is because there was no informal appeal in the 19 first place. I think they are okay with that. 2.0 Now I will go to the other scenario where there 21 is an appeal, when they apply for informal appeal, and at 22 that point, there is different ways you can do it. You 23 can have a meeting or no meeting. If they request a 2.4 meeting, then you're supposed to schedule a meeting and 25

then once you meet, the agency has 15 days to do a final 1 determination. But a lot of times that gets extended 2 because a lot of these meetings, the applicant will say, 3 I'm going to get you more information, I'm going to get 4 you this, I'm going to get you that. And by statute, we 5 can go for another 60 days, you know, to get this 6 information. Once we get the information, we need 15 days 7 to review it. So, that time frame, if you have a meeting, 8 you can get spread out pretty far.

CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: But not to any longer than 60 days; is that correct?

MR. MC NEELY: It says up to 60 days. But in the past it has gone past that if both parties are agreeing that they are going to get us the information. And so in this case, we'd always send a letter out, though. We'd always send a final determination out. Even if we miss our 15-day mark and it becomes final, we will always send a final determination so they know that they actually have 30 more days to do a formal appeal.

CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Okay.

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MR. MC NEELY: There is no way. You don't have to start counting days and stuff necessarily, because if there is appeal in process, we're going to send a final determination out.

CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: What would happen if you

didn't send the final determination out?

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MR. MC NEELY: If we didn't, I mean, by law the interim determination becomes final and they can appeal it within 30 days.

CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Would they get lost in that time period because they're waiting for the final determination letter, or would they have to assume that even if they didn't get the final determination letter in that time period that it's final and then they need to go to formal appeal?

MR. MC NEELY: Okay. They could assume that after the 15 days are up, that it's final. If they wanted to do a formal appeal at that point, they are more than welcome to do a formal appeal because it's final. We always -- but if it went like 30 days -- they're not going to miss their formal appeal because we'll always -- even if we're late, we're going to send, basically it's like a revised final determination saying, hey, now you have 30 days to appeal this, because we're not going to let someone miss their appeal rights.

We try to do it all the time, but we will always send a letter out. So, if they want to count days and do a final determination, they are more willing to do that, or you are able to do that; but if not, we're still going to send the final determination out at a later date.

CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: One of the things that has 1 been brought to my attention is that sometimes the agency 2 does not meet those days. 3 4 MR. MC NEELY: Right. CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: And is the applicant still 5 subject to their time frames even if the agency doesn't 6 meet those dates? 7 MR. MC NEELY: What time frames? 8 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Well, I was under the 9 assumption, and this, I think, is being corrected in this 10 discussion, that the agency makes a final determination 11 and sends out a letter, and that's a benchmark, and then 12 from that benchmark, the applicant has their appeal 13 14 rights. 15 MR. MC NEELY: Right. CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: But what I'm hearing you 16 17 say is, it's not required that the agency send out the final determination letter because the final determination 18 19 is in place regardless of whether they receive the letter 20 or not. MR. MC NEELY: Right. When we put our interim 21 determination we have -- in that letter we say, this 22 determination will became a final determination within 23 45 days of receipt. 2.4

So, after 45 days, that becomes a final

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determination, so they can go ahead and appeal it.
Rather, if they miss the informal appeal, they can appeal
it with a formal appeal at that point.

CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: What if you are in the

process after a meeting and you are exchanging information to avoid all of this, you know, and everybody is meeting their 60-day submittal dates, but it may take the agency longer for review process, what happens to the applicant at that point? Are they required then to file a formal appeal even though you're in the middle of what basically is a negotiation?

MR. MC NEELY: No, They're not required to because we are going to send a final determination letter out every time. If they give us a whole bunch of information to review, a lot of times it's really an agreement. There is no way we can do a final full review.

A lot of times these informal appeals are, you know, we send out an interim determination, you didn't submit the report, you didn't do that, and they submit the report to us during the appeal process, and we can't process it that quickly.

MS. HUDDLESTON: Is it fair to say that anytime they do an informal appeal, you send out a final determination?

MR. MC NEELY: Yes, in all cases we do that.

MS. HUDDLESTON: So if they do informal appeals, 1 the final determination would be sent. It's only if they 2 don't do the formal appeal that the original interim 3 becomes final? MR. MC NEELY: Right. And even in that case we send out a letter, too. What we try to do is always send 6 out a final determination letter in all cases. 7 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: But just help me 8 understand, then. If you are in the middle of a 9 negotiation -- I mean, I just want to -- because I've been 10 getting questions about this and I don't understand the 11 process fully because I don't operate in it. But if you 12 are in the middle of a negotiation after a meeting and 13 they've submitted a bunch of stuff and it takes you a 14 bunch of time to review it, and that 60 days elapses, are 15 they still then going to have on -- when do they lose 16 17 their right to file a final appeal? MR. MC NEELY: I'm saying they don't ever lose 18 19 their right until we send out the final determination and 2.0 30 days pass. Okay. So if at the end of CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: 21 that post meeting negotiation everybody is still not 22 satisfied --23 Right. 24 MR. MC NEELY: CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: -- they still would have 25

30 days after a certain point in that negotiation or not? 1 MR. MC NEELY: After we send out the final 2 determination, they will have 30 days. 3 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: 4 Okav. MR. MC NEELY: Parties are not missing -- we're 5 very lenient with the appeals. We make sure that if they 6 are going to appeal it, they have every opportunity to 7 appeal it. It's not like they have to count and they miss 8 the count. The only time them would have to count for formal is if we gave them a final determination and said, 10 yes, 30 days from this point, then they have to count the 11 30 days. But it's not like the interim turns to a final 12 and then they have to count, because we are going to send 13 14 that final determination letter out. 15 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: What would happen if for 16 some reason, because nobody is perfect, the final --17 except for some of us on the Commission -- a joke -- but what would happen if somebody failed to send out the final 18 determination letter and the applicant is waiting for that 19 to trigger their action and they didn't get it? 20 MR. MC NEELY: This is in what scenario? We had 21 22 an informal appeal meeting, too, we had a meeting? CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: 2.3 MR. MC NEELY: We will send a letter out. If 24 25 they call us up and say you didn't send a letter, if

something went wrong or got lost in the mail, we will 1 2 re-send a letter. We send a letter out every time, because you have meetings, we have discussions. We have 3 to make a determination based on what we talked about. CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: After a meeting, do you 5 formalize what's required of the applicant? MR. MC NEELY: That's what the final 7 determination is. 8 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Okay. MR. MC NEELY: We will talk, we will say we are 10 going to hand in this. And a lot of times you don't make 11 decisions right at the meeting, because they will say 12 we're going to give you this information, that 1.3 information. So, okay, we will look at it, get it to us. 14 A lot of times it goes both ways. A lot of times we wait 15 a long time to get information. 16 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: There is not, then, at the 17 18 end of a meeting a letter that says we agreed that you will receive -- we will receive this from you by such and 19 such or even the applicant saying we agreed that we will 20 submit to you such and such by such and such? 21 There is minutes. We take little 22 MR. MC NEELY: meeting notes. 23 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: And the meeting notes 24 become kind of a formal document relative to the meeting? 2.5

MR. MC NEELY: It's -- well, I don't know if it's 1 a formal document, but it's part of the public record. 2 3 fill it out; we fax it to them. CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: And they also receive that? 4 5 MR. MC NEELY: Right. CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: So then they would have an 6 opportunity to correct the meeting minutes, which said, I 7 will give you something by such a date? 8 MR. MC NEELY: Right. 9 Excuse me, sorry. I'm Angie Young, MS. YOUNG: 10 and I'm from Tierra Dynamics. 11 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Excuse me, this is not an 12 open call to the public yet, and I'm sorry, I'm not 13 shutting you down, but we have to follow a process being a 14 public meeting. And at the end of our discussion, because 15 this is such a hot topic to several of you that are in the 16 audience, I will call for a general comment, but this 17 isn't a discussion now, and I apologize. 18 19 MS. YOUNG: I will just make a note. Thank you. CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Any other comments or 20 21 questions for Mr. McNeely at this point? 22 I have a question, because I am MR. BUNCH: somewhat new to this process as well. As we get closer to 2.3 the deadline for both submitting preapproval work plans 24 and for reimbursement claims, we will probably find that 25

some of the constituents want to meet with the Department,
so that the process moves more smoothly to give everyone
time to get the corrective action done associated with
those preapprovals, how binding typically are the
meetings? For instance, if you sit down with the site
managers and the SAF personnel and you agree on a path
forward so that everything moves smoothly, is that
typically a binding discussion?

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MR. MC NEELY: I'm not sure what you mean by binding, but typically, we have facility meetings all the time. We have been encouraging facility meetings with all of the work that's going on out there, and I think it would be great to have a facility meeting before work is submitted to figure out what scope of work is.

But in general these meetings -- you don't have all the details. You'll say, yeah, I'm going to do a system, and then we still have to look at if your proposing and then we may have some details to work out. So, in terms of binding, there is nothing legally that -- we can't say no, we're not going to accept this, but in terms of -- it should work in terms of concepts, if it's a good meeting, it should -- you know, there shouldn't be any issue with it.

MR. BUNCH: I'm just aware of certain situations where you need to discuss because we are up against time

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MR. MC NEELY: Right.

MR. BUNCH: And the preapproval or the interim decision ends up being 180 degrees away from what was collectively decided. And, of course, that puts the responsible party in a odd position because they're now at loss potentially 60, 90, 120 days when time is very precious. I'm wondering how that could be corrected, perhaps.

MR. MC NEELY: Call a meeting with Joe
Drosendahl, because I haven't been aware of that
happening. And if you're meeting with the project manager
by himself or herself, then I would say you probably want
to pull in the unit manager, or Joe, section manager. I'm
more than willing to meet with people, and we do it all
the time. But if you are going to meet individually with
somebody, you know, it goes up the chain of command. If
someone is approving something that we can't approve
legally, then we're not going to approve it, even if
someone said they thought it was a good idea.

So, you really just need to -- we try to communicate internally, but typically when we meet, the project managers, the unit managers are there, and a lot of times Joe's there, too.

MR. BUNCH: Okay. I think a lot more of this

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activity is probably going to happen as we get closer, and
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   it would be just good for all involved to have some
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   know, is collectively decided.
             CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Would it be the interim
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   determination at that point that would become final, was
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   it after the meeting, just so I'm clear?
             MR. BUNCH: Oh, in this particular scenario, the
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   meeting might have been prior to any decision to ensure
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             CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: I understand that.
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             MR. BUNCH: -- the preapproval work plan was
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   consistent with what was going to be acceptable.
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             MR. MC NEELY: And that's the way we'd rather do
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   it; not an appeal. Do it before you submit the
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   better to talk ahead of time than after the fact.
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             CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: We are going to be wanting
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             Yes, Ms. Gaylord.
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             MS. GAYLORD: I'm unaware of the current
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    controversy that apparently exists, and maybe we will
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through a couple of the appeal processes, and the process seems to be designed to allow a lot of flexibility. I've managed to successfully resolve the few issues I've had, and there have been a couple of references to a meeting in the informal process. In fact, the Department has gone so far as to have a whole series of meetings with me in the informal process, and that's why giving them that flexibility means that the date of the letter of the final determination isn't necessarily going to come — it's not going to come the day after your meeting. It's not going to be one meeting. It's not fixed in stone, and actually I've really appreciated that.

In one case where we had complex ownership determinations, the Department took quite a bit of time, and we really appreciated it, to straighten out who owned what and how, you know, how the site came to be owned by its current owner. And it took several meetings and research and submittal of documentation, so I'm not sure if the controversy involves a desire to fix in time the point where the letter comes, but just, if it does, I would really resist that because I've really appreciated the flexibility of the process.

MR. MC NEELY: And this process was put into statute in 1998. It's been a decade old, and I haven't heard anything negative about it, so I'm not sure -- no

one's talked to me and I've talked to Tara Rosie, and she's not aware of any issues.

CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: I think we will be hearing some.

MR. MC NEELY: Okay.

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and it may sound jumbled because I wasn't clear about the process, which is why I asked that we have it on the agenda, but what I had heard is that there can be a confusion between when people have to file their appeals, and there can be a time delay that is holding back payment that the owners and operators are not comfortable with as this process goes forward.

So, you know, that's not casting aspersions on the agency or any of the owners and operators, it's just the perception that I've been receiving from several people.

MR. MC NEELY: And one thing we do is we pay — whatever we approve, we pay. You know, in theory, we probably could hold off with that money until the final determination is done, but we don't really want to put owners/operators through financial hardship while we go through this long informal or formal appeal process. So we pay whatever we can up front. So what's being held onto is what was denied in the first place. So, we really

try to work as much as we possibly can within the law.

CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Thank you.

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Any other questions from the Commission or comments?

Anything else you want to share, then? I mean, once we get -- then they go to the formal appeals, and maybe we can go on with that.

MR. MC NEELY: The only thing I would like to share is, if there is issues, and if they're process issues, they should run it up the chain of command. I'm always in my office. The phone doesn't ring anymore. And I'm assuming everything is fine. So, if the phone doesn't ring, I'm not fixing a process, because I think it's working. So, until you give me the agenda item like a few days ago, week ago, what's the issue. I mean, that's really not the best way to solve problems in a public forum.

CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: I would encourage anyone that has an issue with the program to contact the Department directly. I mean, we're here to do the best we can, you know, to bring the policy issues forward. That's our job is policy. But if there is process that needs to be clarified or approved, Phil is the first point of contact. Personally, from my experience, he's been extremely helpful and cooperative in resolving substantive

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So, then, could we just go from the formal, just kind of finish the whole thing?

MR. MC NEELY: From the formal, now the formal time frames are out of our control. Once we get a formal appeal, we send it over to the Office of Administrative Hearings, and they will schedule -- there is two requests. One can be a request for ISC, which is an interim -what's that stand for -- Interim Status Conference. there is that, we are supposed to schedule that within 15 days after receiving the request. That's supposed to be like within ten days of the hearing. The hearing all the time is scheduled by OAH, and that can be way out in the future. And it seems like in most cases these get delayed quite a bit, because we're negotiating. This ISC will have numerous meetings, they're trying to resolve it, go back and forth, so it's not -- that's not set in stone at all, either. So these seem to take longer.

And then if you request a technical appeals panel, if you have an informal appeal, and it's a technical issue, then you can request that or we can request it. The scheduling, that can take months and months and months, so it can get really dragged out. So really the best option is to solve it before you get to hearing. In most cases you do.

CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Any other questions or 1 2 comments on that? Anything else, Mr. McNeely. 3 That's all I have. No. MR. MC NEELY: CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: And because this has been a 5 topic of concern that I've received e-mails on, we're 6 going to open up, if that's acceptable, public comment on 7 this particular issue at this time. And I think we had 8 one member of the audience that wanted to speak. 9 MS. YOUNG: Yes. I'm sorry, I've never been to 1.0 one of these, so you'll have to forgive me. 11 I actually had a comment directly related to Phil 12 saying that the minutes from the informal appeal meetings 13 are being sent. They're actually in most cases not being 14 sent. They have to be requested, and I'm not sure why 15 that is. Perhaps they are being sent to the applicant. 16 But in the cases where a consultant is acting on behalf of 17 the applicant, the consultant is not being copied. So me, 1.8 as a consultant, I know that if I want a copy of the 19 meeting notes, the meeting that I participated in as the 20 applicant's representative, I have to request those. 21 They're not automatically sent. 22 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Just for the record, could 23 you just state your name again? 24 MS. YOUNG: My name is Angie Young, and I'm with 25

Tierra Dynamics. 1 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Thank you. 2 MS. YOUNG: Then I had just one other question. 3 If the formal appeal deadline is missed, is that the end 5 of the line or can denied costs be resubmitted in the form of another application? 6 MR. MC NEELY: I'm really not supposed to answer questions, but I will answer that. I think it's appropriate. CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: If you missed it and it's final, MR. MC NEELY: 10 you cannot resubmit those costs. That's our new rule that 1.1 went into effect a few years ago. 12 MS. YOUNG: Okay. 13 MR. MC NEELY: And if you submit those new costs 14 by application, we'll send the whole application back and 15 deny the entire thing even if it's just one invoice. 16 MS. YOUNG: Okay. 17 MR. MC NEELY: But what you can do at that point, 18 you can withdraw that invoice and submit an application 19 without the cost, and then we will process that, but there 20 is no recourse to get paid for denied costs. 21 MS. YOUNG: I'm sorry, you can withdraw after? 2.2 If you submit an application in 23 MR. MC NEELY: the future that has costs that are already submitted and 24 denied, we'll send that whole application back to you. 25

MS. YOUNG: Right.

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MR. MC NEELY: But the way to fix that application is to take out whatever was resubmitted and then submitting a new application without the denied cost.

MS. YOUNG: But you have to withdraw within the time frame of the appeals process; is that right?

MR. MC NEELY: Right. Because what will happen is that will become a final determination, and then that whole application will be denied and you will never be able to resubmit that.

MS. YOUNG: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Is that -- I know when we really worked on that rule package and there was a lot of controversy for those that were on the Commission at that point in time, and one of the key areas was the final, you know, after the formal appeal deadline is not made, you are gone. There is no other option. And that was a key issue, and that's when the withdrawal policy became more apparent and more obvious, and we formalized that, and the agency formalized that.

Is that clear now to the applicants and to the regulated community what that withdrawal policy is? I thought it was, but I'm hearing from somebody in the audience here that is clearly knowledgeable about the program and was not perfectly clear about that.

MR. MC NEELY: We think it's clear, and in our 1 informal meetings or ISCs, we make that very clear that if 2 that's the reason we sent it back, they have to withdraw 3 that and submit a new application. CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: So your correspondence would be very clear about what that meant? 6 MR. MC NEELY: Right. Even on the phone, I mean, 7 we don't hide it, we don't wait for the final 8 determination and say we gotcha. We don't do that at all. 9 We say resubmit it. Then they'll resubmit it. You can't 10 resubmit the invoices, so, it's I think we're very clear. 11 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: I think we have another 12 member of the audience that would like to speak. 13 MR. MORGAN: Rick Morgan, ATC. 14 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Mr. Morgan. 15 MR. MORGAN: Part of the issue here, and this is 16 from somebody who submits a lot of applications, does a 17 lot of appeals, formal appeals, informal appeals, you've 18 got to work with the Department, like Karen Gaylord was 19 saying, and they're willing -- there is a lot of leeway 20 there, as long as you are within the rules. And getting 21 paid for stuff that you did that contributes to the 22 corrective action, I don't see what the big controversy 2.3 is. 24

Thank you.

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Any other members of the audience want to have 1 public comment at this point? 2 Okay. Any other Commission discussions? 3 Bunch. Just one comment. I've heard the MR. BUNCH: word "controversy" referenced twice now, and I'm not sure 6 7 I've heard of any controversy for the record. I think what I heard was some requests for clarification in the process, and so I think we can all feel pretty comfortable 9 that it doesn't appear to be a lot of controversy around 10 the process. I think there is, what I heard, some 11 12 questions about time frames and whatnot, and --I think it depends on who CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: 13 you speak with, and so I'm sure that there are some 14 members of the regulated community that would prefer to 15 use clarification and some that would prefer to use 16 controversy. I think we received clarification, and 17 18 unless the Commission has additional questions, I'm ready 19 to move on. Thank you. 20 Oh, we have another comment here. And if you could for the record state your name and also fill out one 2.1 of those forms so we have it for the record. 22 Thank you. MR. WALDNER: Jerry Waldner. I'm with the 23 Environmental Professional Services. 2.4

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             MR. MC NEELY: No, 4, discussion of recent
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             I will quickly talk about the budget. You know,
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   looking for money to sweep. Well, twelve million was
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    swept, and I think you are aware of that last time.
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   took twelve million a couple of weeks ago from our funds,
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    so right now our SAF balance is $18 million.
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   Maricopa and nine million in non-Maricopa. So, as of
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making all of our commitments.

The revenue's coming in, even though people aren't driving as much, we've been looking at it, it still looks like we'll be getting about 30 million this year if it keeps going the way it looks like it's going to keep going. So we should be fine. The maximum we've ever spent is about 30 million in a year, so I think by the end of the year we should have a balance that's okay.

But the thing to look for is in January when the session starts again, I don't think the revenue's going to be coming in next year either, because once the economy recovers, it still takes about a year or so for the business to write off all their losses and stuff, so it takes a year or two to actually start getting revenues in.

So, I think next session you will be looking at all pots of money to balance the budget. So we've got to keep our eyes open, but we're good for another year 'cause they're not going to take it between now and next June 30th, but next year would be another challenge to see what happens.

CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: And we will need to stay really on top of that.

MR. BUNCH: And it sounds like from our last meeting that you had a contingency case, say you were flooded with claims towards the tail end of the sunset,

would the remedy be to sort of delay corrective action so that you could spread out over more time the processing of claims? Is that kind of what I heard?

MR. MC NEELY: I don't remember.

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MR. BUNCH: We had talked about not knowing total cost of closure, what the total liability was of the SAF. And I think what I recall hearing was that the State's going to pay if there's an eligible claim, but I'm not sure I understood what the contingency was, if we get flooded with claims towards the tail end and your historical spend doesn't match the actual spend that comes in.

MR. MC NEELY: Well, the way that Senate Bill 1306 was structured, you keep paying after June 30th, 2010, you know, the pending tax keeps going to 2013, and you keep paying those claims off. So, if we've got a bunch of claims and we don't have money in, then we keep paying the claims.

My concern would be that if we have to start ranking, then the owner/operators and volunteers would quit doing the work, probably, so we won't get the claims in, but we won't get the work done, and that would be even more of an issue for me is not getting the sites cleaned up.

But, what we have in Senate Bill 1306 is in

September of 2009, we're supposed to submit a report to 1 the legislature and the Governor saying how is this sunset 2 3 process looking, are we going to make it. So I think at that point, if they sweep more money and we can't pay 5 claims, then I guess that would be the point in that report, you know, say, hey, we're having some issues 7 meeting this. So we have -- at least there is a way, a 8 process to communicate the issues that we may have by next 9 year. 10 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Okay.

MS. HUDDLESTON: I have another meeting, but Joe Mikitish is coming in.

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CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Okay. Thank you.

MR. MC NEELY: Continuing along with recent legislation, we did get that Senate Bill 2425 passed, which -- or house bill, excuse me, which is the Energy Act, the UST, and we sent a fact sheet out to our e-mail list of -- and hopefully everybody received it. It's House Bill 2425, just to remind everybody. And we reached out to one other group, the Arizona Trucking Association. They talked to the APMA, and they said, hey, there's a lot of distributors in that group. So we sent it to them and they responded, and they were sort of happy with the legislation. Some of them were saying it's about time, you know. Apparently some of these deliverers did not

want to deliver to substandard tanks, so I think they were well received. So we're going to try to keep communicating with them, because really the truckers are people that have to recognize a red tag, have to know what it looks like, and they are the ones that have to know about going on our website to see if there is a red tag because they are liable if they pump fuel into a red tag tank. So we're going to keep going with that outreach with them and try to maybe talk to them and do presentations if they have meetings. I'm not sure if they do or not yet.

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So, we sent the fact sheet out. That's the first step. We're going to talk more about it on October 15th, but, in terms of the rules, we don't think we need rules to implement the secondary containment requirement. We don't think we need rules to implement the red tags.

We do need rules to implement the training requirements, to figure out really what that is going to entail, but that's not required until 2012, so we have a little bit of time. We are hoping that EPA steps up and develops some good training that we can just use, because we don't really want to have to develop training ourselves in Arizona because it's the same standard across the country, and it would be nice to have a standardized training, but they haven't stepped up yet to do that.

MR. BUNCH: Are you concerned at all about folks being confused by reviewing Title 18 and looking at tank standards if you are not proposing or updating those rules? I mean, if one were to go by Title 18, one would assume single walled components.

MR. MC NEELY: We are updating our -- we are going to update the rules for that, and we will probably make that more clear, but we don't think we absolutely need to update the rules on secondary containment. And that's why we do want to send the fact sheets out and have public meetings saying, hey, secondary containment now, and the Fire Marshalls are the people who actually going to see the installs, we are talking to them, but that could cause some confusion.

MR. BUNCH: We've seen other states amend their UST rules to reflect legislation requirements, secondary containment, et cetera.

MR. MC NEELY: We do plan on doing that, but we don't think it's required to implement this.

MR. BUNCH: I see.

MR. MC NEELY: We are going to update the rules because they were back in -- I think they were passed in the '95 or '96, and they refer to fire code that's outdated. They refer to ASTM standards that are outdated, so we are going to try to update all that, but we're not

going to get that done before January. 1 2 MR. BUNCH: Okay. So the requirement is 3 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: 4 January for the secondary containment, and that will be in place because it's statutory, and then the rule correction 5 will proceed. Do you have a time frame, do you know? 6 7 MR. MC NEELY: We're getting pretty close to open the docket and start having public meetings on that. 8 what I'm worried about, fixing the UST standard would be 9 quick, but doing the training requirements, I think that 10 might take a little more time to figure out what to put in 11 12 rule. So you may end up having CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: 13 two rule packets to fix the existing rules to be 14 consistent with statute and then perhaps a secondary 15 16 package for the training? MR. MC NEELY: We weren't really planning on 17 18 doing two. We'd rather do it all in at once, but that 19 could be an option if we are running into some issues. Ι really don't want to put too much into the rule without 20 knowing what the training module is going to look like, 21 but we could probably be sort of vague in that sense in 22 the rule, I guess, or give us the flexibility, I should 23 2.4 say, would be a better answer.

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CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: If you don't know, have the

module yet to draft your rules, that's going to 1 incorporate what's the training's going to be, so if you 2 need to write the rule, you're going to have to build in 3 some flexibility for that. MR. MC NEELY: Okay. Go ahead. CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: MR. MC NEELY: That's all I have for the updates. 7 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: And just as a member of the 8 Commission, I did receive from the agency the fact sheet. 9 I did receive the e-mail, the notice on the final bill and 10 the statutory changes, and I think everybody should have 11 received that information. 12 MS. CHABERSKI: Are you putting that on the 13 website so that it's all available? 14 MR. MC NEELY: It's on our website, also. And we 15 also have on our website a countdown clock, which is sort 16 17 of controversial. It says countdown for when you can submit a preapproval application with little numbers. 18 That was Joe Drosendahl, he really wanted to have 19 that countdown clock, and then when you can actually 20 submit your last claim, but, I don't know, it's like a 2.1 doomsday clock. I don't know how that would go across, so 2.2 we put it up there, and I haven't heard anything too 2.3 negative, but... 24

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CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: I think your website has

gotten better and better over the years, and there is a 1 lot of information on your website that's very easy to 2 access, and kind of think the clock is a good idea, 3 personally. You can't afford seeing it. It's right there. MS. CHABERSKI: No question. CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: No question. So you could 7 actually access the DEQ website, you really cannot miss 8 most of the stuff. 9 Any other items or comments on that? 10 We will move on to the Evaluation Subcommittee 11 12 update with Mr. Bill Bunch. This is going to be a very long and MR. BUNCH: 13 tortuous summary. No, we did not have an Evaluation 14 Subcommittee meeting, so there is not much to report. 15 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Is there any intention in 16 the next several months for another evaluation or an 17 Evaluation Subcommittee meeting? 18 19 MR. BUNCH: You know, I don't really think there's a topic that warrants our discussion. We worked 2.0 through the red tag issue. Maybe as we get closer to one 21 to tackle, you know, the Title 18 updates, that might be a 22 good topic for us to roll our sleeves up around. 23 Okav. Good. CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: 24 Any comments or discussion, questions for Mr. 25

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Then we will move on to the Technical Subcommittee update. And, thank you, Ms. Chaberski, for your participation, and our co-chair person, Cathy Chaberski, will give the update.

MS. CHABERSKI: I have a question, because this is the first time we've gone through the process. This is is first time we've gone through the process and we implemented that we take meeting notes, so just from the big picture point of view, after the Technical Subcommittee meeting, we summarize action items and recommendations on paper, and then they're submitted to the agency. And then in the interim, we receive back comments from ADEQ on every one of our recommendations.

So, my question to you is, do we take all of the recommendations -- we haven't had a chance to meet and look at the responses. Do you want to hear our action items and our recommendations? Or how would you like me to report back on this?

CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: I think we should hear it all unless there is a problem legally, because this is a formal meeting. You had a formal meeting and now we're providing additional information on top of that, I think.

MS. CHABERSKI: And then I guess for the follow-up for the next time, I don't know if this made

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   because I know someone needs a break right now on the
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1 now. MS. CHABERSKI: I think probably what would be 2 appropriate, if you want me to just read through all of 3 these for the record. And then secondly, we haven't had a meeting to 5 discuss if the ADEQ response is acceptable to us. 6 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Right. MS. CHABERSKI: So, I'm not going to speak to 8 that issue. I think when we talk about further, the next 9 meeting, we could bring this back to the Technical 10 Subcommittee and go through those, and if anyone has a 11 further issue, does that make sense? 12 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Yes. 13 MS. CHABERSKI: Okay. On July 9th, the 14 subcommittee talked about two major items, which was the 15 MNA, Monitored Natural Attenuation program, a potential 16 SAF cost schedule changes, so I'm going to go through the 17 action items, the recommendations, and a recent ADEQ 18 19 response. Number one action item is the creation of a MNA 20 CAP or modification of existing CAPs reimbursable by SAF. 21 The committee's recommendation was have ADEQ respond to 2.2 the question, and if documents are not reimbursable, have 23

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action plan or modifying existing CAP to include MNA is a 1 requirement for eligibility for the MNA program, the costs 2 associated with these documents are reimbursable by the 3 SAF. 5 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: And just to ask you a question, at this point there is really no further action 6 7 that you would recommend in the next meeting? MS. CHABERSKI: Not unless someone else had an 8 interpretation or another question or comment that stemmed 9 from that. So I'm still going to bring all of these back. 10 It looks like there would be no further action, but I will 11 bring back the whole thing and say, any follow-up 12 questions or comments. I think that might be appropriate 13 since the committee didn't get together to respond so... 14 Thank you. CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: 15 MS. CHABERSKI: 16 Yes. Add to MNA CAP outline that three Next: 17 alternative methods do not need to be included. 18 The recommendation: Have ADEQ revise MNA program 19 quidance. And ADEQ responds that they agree the MNA 20 21 program guidance will be revised as applicable. CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Same thing. 22 MS. CHABERSKI: Yeah, appears to be settled. 23 Action item: Have ADEQ provide documentation 2.4 that an existing approved CAP already meets the CAP 25

requirement of the MNA program. 1 Recommendation: Have ADEQ provide documentation 2 upon request by a UST owner, operator or volunteer. 3 ADEQ agrees they will inform the staff to respond 4 to requests from UST owners, operators or volunteers as 5 appropriate. 6 Action item: After the SAF ends on 7-01-2011, 7 can a LUST site be eligible for the MNA program if it was 8 SAF eligible before 7-1-2011? Recommendation: Have ADEQ respond to this 10 question and revise the MNA program guidance as 11 applicable. 12 The response, ADEQ response: No. The AAC, the 13 Arizona Administrative Code states that to be eligible for 14 the MNA program, a MNA program application has to be 15 submitted and approved by ADEQ before July 1, 2010. 16 Second part to that, for UST release to be 17 eligible for the MNA AAC, et cetera, et cetera, states 18 that UST release must be reported to ADEQ before July 1, 19 2006, and meet the SAF eligibility requirements of the 20 statute. Therefore, if the UST release is eligible for 21 the SAF -- do I have to go back and read all the 22 2.3 citations? 24 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: No. MS. CHABERSKI: -- and in accordance with the 25

statute, but has exhausted the applicable coverage limit, in accordance with the statute, the UST release is still eligible for the MNA program if it meets the other requirements of the MNA program.

And then on the potential SAF cost schedule changes, there was someone who wasn't at the meeting about considering reducing specific cost schedule line items.

The committee members present decided no, and we didn't ask ADEQ for a response, so nothing was required for that.

And that summarizes the July 9 Subcommittee Technical meeting.

CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: And then let's talk process now, what you would like to see we do in the future regarding how we integrate the two subcommittees into the Commission, meaning that these documents -- I think what you were are suggesting is that this document be part of our packet?

MS. CHABERSKI: Well, I'm not sure. Actually I was surprised, and it was great that ADEQ responded in the interim. I'm not sure that's a requirement or not, but that was a great quick response.

So, I think my recommendation would just speak to, if we can get the information out and to the public ahead of time, that this kind of streamlines things, so this was sent to us, and I'm going to bring it up at the

meeting, whatever, whether ADEQ has responded or not, I at 1 least report back on the issues. But I think we should 2 also take it to the next subcommittee meeting just to 3 confirm that everything is okay and folks don't have 5 further questions, since we each individually get these and we don't discuss it until the subcommittee. 6 think that should be part of the process. Does this make 7 sense? CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Yes. MS. CHABERSKI: Okay. So, I guess I would --10 when this happens -- if this happens again, which it will 11 in the next meeting, send this to you in order to get this 12 out to the public; is that correct? 13 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Correct. 14 MS. CHABERSKI: Okay. 15 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: For the record, Joseph 16 Mikitish has joined us, representative for the Attorney 17 General's Office. 18 Thank you. 19 MR. MIKITISH: Sure. 20 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: And then there was also a 21 proposal, I think, for your next meeting. 22 MS. CHABERSKI: Well, for the next meeting, some 23 issues came up for discussion that we'd like to discuss, 24 so the first one is actually going over the meeting 25

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Number two, a Committee Member wanted to discuss the possibility of an increase in an SAF mileage cost. And then the other agenda item was to discuss a change in ADEO corrective action guidance answer regarding 5 compliance groundwater sampling. So those were the three 6 items that we wanted to discuss. 7

And our next meeting is September 10th, according to the DEQ schedule. Theresa isn't here. Unfortunately, I won't be able to attend September 10th, so, Gail, I don't know if Theresa will be there or not, and if neither of us are available --

> CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: I'm out of town that day. So am I. MS. CHABERSKI:

CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: What we'll do is -- I know Theresa is on vacation, so after this meeting I'll e-mail her with a copy to you, saying this is the date, these are the agenda items proposed, if we all agree on that, and see if she's available for that date. If not, we will have to change that meeting date.

MS. CHABERSKI: Yeah. And I think since the next full Commission meeting is slated for September 24th, I'd like to try to change that meeting before that Commission meeting, so, you know, between the 10th and the 24th so we can stay on point.

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2	I'm seeing with this scheduling is, the Technical
3	Committee has or Subcommittee has actually issues and
4	items they're working with, and the full Policy Commission
5	has very little now on the agenda, and I think many of the
6	Commission Members would prefer not a monthly schedule,
7	but I think we need to be flexible if we need to support
8	the Technical Subcommittee and, you know, we can keep
9	these meetings short and on point, but we really do need
10	to support their work.
11	MS. CHABERSKI: Is it possible to kind of make
12	that decision depending on how important, timely and hot
13	topic it is that we're discussing?
14	CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Yes.
15	MS. CHABERSKI: So if it's a mileage issue, or
16	something that is going to make it or break it, we could
17	defer to the next make that decision amongst us.
18	CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: And also when you
19	availability for the meeting date is.
20	MS. CHABERSKI: Uh-huh.
21	CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: We have to have a chair
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23	MS. CHABERSKI: We've been trying to stay with
24	the meetings that ADEQ set up. This is the first time I
25	know that there may be a conflict, so we do try to stay

with the standard meeting that's listed on the web so it's easier for folks not to show up at a meeting and then we've rescheduled it, so we try to keep that to a minimum.

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MR. MC NEELY: I would recommend that you can have two meetings before we meet as a Policy Commission.

If you have another meeting in September, and then we have — you have action items, then we respond, it seems like you could have another meeting, talk about our responses, and then present the whole package to the Policy Commission.

So, I don't think we have to have a Policy
Commission meeting after every one of your meetings as
long as you can have two or three. In the past we've had
numerous meetings. Then you can present the final product
to the Policy Commission, part of this, you know.

MS. CHABERSKI: So, if we have -- like I imagine the groundwater sampling issue may be continued as we move forward, then we could just host our own, decide when we want to have a meeting and let you know, and then you post it and make it a public meeting. You don't need approval from the Chair?

CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: The only thing that you need approval for is from the Commission, and not just the Chair, is the agenda items, what we think are appropriate for the subcommittees to work on.

MS. CHABERSKI: But if it's already been approved 1 and they're continuing items, we don't need that approval? 2 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: No, once it's approved by 3 the Commission. MS. CHABERSKI: Good to know. 5 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: So, for the next agenda 6 items that you're going to discuss, are there any comments 7 8 or questions for Ms. Chaberski? You know, we've gone back and forth on this. 9 Sometimes we vote; sometimes we don't. I'm going to ask 10 our attorney present, should we now as a Commission vote 11 formally to approve those agenda items for the Technical 12 Subcommittee? 13 If they have not been approved MR. MIKITISH: 14 before, yes, it would make sense for them to be approved 15 now so that the Technical Subcommittee could continue its 16 work on the items that it's been addressing. 17 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Okav. 18 19 MS. CHABERSKI: Do you want me to make a proposal? 20 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Please. 21 MS. CHABERSKI: I propose at the next Technical 22 Subcommittee meeting we discuss the following items: 23 July 9th meeting recommendations and responses from DEQ, 24 the increase in SAF mileage costs possibility, and then 25

the change in ADEQ corrective action guidance regarding 1 2 compliance groundwater sampling. CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Is there a second? 3 4 MS. GAYLORD: Do you want a motion or a second? So moved. 5 Okay. Is there a second? CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: 6 MR. MC NEELY: 7 Second. CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Okay. All in favor? 8 (Chorus of ayes.) CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Anyone opposed? 10 Okay. So, the proposed agendas for the UST 11 Policy Commission Technical Subcommittee have been 12 approved by the full Commission. 13 Thank you, Karen. 14 Okay. On to our next agenda item. 15 We had at the last -- this is No. 7, discussion 16 and response to the June 25th submittal by Mr. Greg Jones. 17 At our last Policy Commission meeting, just prior 18 19 to the actual meeting start time, we received a packet of information from Mr. Jones, and at that time we asked the 2.0 Commission to read what we had received. It's not in our 21 packet, but I have a copy of the last meeting, and we all 22 received it in the last meeting. I will get it out. 23 is what the packet looks like. 24 And for the record, when you're not in 25

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attendance, does everything that's distributed at the meeting go to those who have not been in attendance? Did you receive this?

MS. JOHNSEN: That, yes.

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CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Just wanted to make sure.

And the bottom line in this letter to the Commission was regarding the SAF cost schedule and the cost ceilings, and there were several concerns regarding lowering or reducing the cost schedule. We did take time during that meeting and ask all of the Commission Members that were present to read the letter and to review the documents that were presented.

We also had a brief discussion of the material that was presented because we were in the process of approving the SAF cost schedule so we could actually talk about a submittal because it was relevant to an agenda item we had already had published.

But the decision that we made relative to this submittal was that we would hold a Technical Subcommittee meeting where we could more informally and thoroughly discuss the presentation and the materials. And it's my understanding that at that meeting, the agenda item for the cost schedules was presented, and that the decision at the meeting was that there was no recommendation to carry forward.

And, unfortunately, it's my understanding that there was no additional backup documentation provided that would give some substance to the Commission or the subcommittee to actually -- what we were hoping to do was come up with some specific cost schedule items that could be, if appropriate, discussed at a full Commission meeting, so -- but we can't do it without any substantive basis. And we try to present, we try to develop a process where that would be available to the public and, unfortunately, we don't have any items and I don't have any additional supporting facts that I can use as a Chair to move this issue forward.

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In the interim, and it is a part of your packet, the ADEQ put together a response letter that addressed in some detail the general concerns expressed in this letter for Mr. Jones, but I did not feel it appropriate as a Commission, since we got this information and since we attempted to deal with it through a subcommittee process, which is how we deal with specific issues, to just let this go by the wayside without further discussion and without the potential for a formal response to Mr. Jones.

So, that's the background, and that's where we are. I personally have not received any other input from the public regarding reducing the cost schedule. In fact, I've had the opposite, particularly regarding fuel costs.

That's the major item that I've heard from people.

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So, with that background and with where we are with it, I would like to open the discussion. And because, I mean, I think people are quite concerned about this letter at the last Commission meeting and did not want to not address it.

So, with that, any ideas or thoughts from the membership that's here today?

MR. BUNCH: Well, I would just say, I wanted to thank Mr. Jones for his submittal. I think any of our members of the public that have a concern about state funds and proper use of funds should be encouraged. I'm thankful that we have people who care enough to make those submittals, and I'm also thankful to the Technical Subcommittee for addressing this issue. And my personal thought is that the technical people disagreed with Mr. Jones and that's kind of how the public process works, but I feel good that we have at least gave the process justice and I'm glad that we had a chance to address his concerns and, although, you know, his thoughts didn't prevail, I'm very thankful that he was engaged and that we reviewed it, so I think we did what needed to be done.

CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Is there --

MS. CHABERSKI: I have a comment.

CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Yes.

MS. CHABERSKI: Just to piggyback on Mr. Bunch's comment, I would encourage folks to attend our subcommittee meetings. Also, if these are issues that you want to talk about, that's why we're there. If you have an issue and a comment, that's kind of the mechanism that we use to have a discussion. And we have really rigorous discussions sometimes and see a lot of different points of views.

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So, these are public meetings, and even if you want to attend and just listen to the group, or whatever your needs are, that's why we're there. But if there aren't any discussions or if no one comes to our meetings, there is only so much we can do, but that is the mechanism for the public to come and attend these meetings on these issues. And you can see the last time, you know, we're looking at the MNA process and time lines and things that may affect you, so I just want to, you know, verify or confirm that, you know, attend the meetings if you have an interest in any of these items.

CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Any other comments or -you know, I would propose at this point that the
Commission formally respond to this letter thanking -- and
I'm not trying to target anybody, but it is from a certain
person, so I keep saying that, but, Mr. Jones, and
thanking him for his input, identifying the fact that we

did hold a Technical Subcommittee meeting with this agenda item specifically, that the Commission cannot move forward on anything without fact to support, and we have a process that we have to follow as a public body, and I don't have anything more substantive to say regarding a response, but I do think that those elements — and I would propose that we agree that I draft a letter for your approval at a subsequent meeting, because I didn't — I wanted to have a discussion before I took that on, and that we agree on that I draft a letter but you wouldn't be in a position to approve it because I haven't drafted it yet, and we would have to approve the letter at a formal meeting.

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So, we can agree perhaps today and as a formal Commission that I will draft a letter, and then before the next Policy Commission meeting, that will be in your in box so you will have a chance to review it, and then we will discuss, edit, change, whatever we need to do.

The elements that would be in that letter is, number one, a thank you for bringing public concerns to the attention of the Commission. The second is the action that we took, which was to set up a Technical Subcommittee meeting with this as a prime agenda item; and then, thirdly, as a consequence of the process, we have no additional recommendations regarding reducing the cost schedule at this time. And then the fourth is reiterating

that we appreciate public comment, regardless of how, 1 when, where it comes to us, and those would be the 2 elements in a letter in response. 3 Okav. With that, my proposal is that I will as 4 Chair draft a letter with those major four elements. 5 will be presented in a full Commission for approval at our 6 next scheduled meeting. So, do I have a first? 7 MR. BUNCH: I so move. 8 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Is there a second? MS. GAYLORD: Second. 10 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: All in favor? 11 (Chorus of ayes.) 12 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Anyone opposed? 13 Okay. So it's approved that the Chair will 14 draft a response to Mr. Jones with the outline as 15 16 presented. MR. BUNCH: I think as a process sort of 17 clarification to members of the public, if they have 18 concerns that they want to bring before the Commission, 19 how long before a meeting should they sort of give 20 themselves to ensure that their issue or concern gets on 21 the next agenda for the next meeting? Is it days, weeks? 22 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Well, since the agenda has 23 a cost schedule, there was no need to get the agenda 24 changed, but it would have been more helpful to the 2.5

Commission if we would have had the materials ahead of time, not just at the meeting. Of course, they can submit it to us at the meeting. It's just in terms of us being able to read, assimilate, ask questions, et cetera, it's always more helpful to have information ahead of time.

In terms of an agenda item, ADEQ has to publish the agenda a minimum of 24 hours before a public meeting. The way that we work internally, however, is typically, about a week before the meeting, I try to get a final draft to ADEQ and the Commission for review and approval, so typically if the meeting's on Wednesday, by Friday ADEQ wants a final agenda.

Now, that doesn't mean if a member of the public came to the Chair or to a Commission Member that we couldn't insert another agenda item, but that's the process that we're following. So the more lead time we have, the better off we are in, you know, getting the process worked out. But that doesn't mean that we would not insert an agenda item if it was appropriate before, you know, even if it isn't a week before.

MR. BUNCH: But at least it's got to be more than 24 hours?

CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: It has to be more than 24 hours, and it has to allow the Chair enough time to work it through the individuals on this Commission and the DEQ.

So, you've got to, if you can, give me at least 48. 1 would probably be the least amount of time I could work an 2 issue. 3 MR. BUNCH: Thank you. 4 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: And that's assuming I'm in 5 town and alert. And I know that we're going to have a 6 general call to the public here in a minute, and we may 7 get some feedback. MR. BUNCH: Okay. 9 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Any other comments, 10 discussions on that? Okay. 11 Now we're at the general call to the public, and 12 Mr. Greq Jones is here. 13 MR. JONES: I'm Greg Jones. I'm with Mechanics 14 Southwest. And I'd just like to first thank Mr. McNeely 15 for responding to my comments and also Chairperson Clement 16 and Commission Members for at least listening to what I 17 had to say. 18 It's not the first time I've spoken up about this 19 It's been eight to ten years that I've talked 20 about this issue. And the documents I gave you were from 2.1 the Auditor General, and to say those aren't facts, I 22 believe the Auditor General was in the SAF and DEQ's 23 office for nearly 18 months gathering information in order 2.4 to submit their performance audit reviews, so I believe 25

what I've said has backup.

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Now, in regards to just saying, you know, I just want to reduce costs, that's incorrect. I wanted the DEQ to evaluate the cost ceilings like they were supposed to do every three years since '96. In 2000, they decided, okay, we're going to -- or they put out a questionnaire to consultants and came up with this new cost ceilings. The Auditor General said it was a flawed method, agreed with the comments by the DEQ personnel that it was a flawed method that these cost ceilings were created. Now, just for eight years, just add in 1.5 percent, 1.8 percent inflation, flawed costs to begin with. This isn't reevaluating the true costs. It has never done that.

So, the recommendation on the Auditor General was, hey, let's find out what the true costs of this is.

It's never been done. And now it's another year, another

1.5 percent. Sure, it's getting closer to being not quite as much of a gouge, and there is items that do need to be increased because it's true, fuel is more expensive. I totally agree with increasing mileage for consultants. It makes sense.

That's all I'm looking for is a true evaluation of the cost ceilings, and it's never been done. And to, you know, tell you the truth, I didn't have high expectations to really get much done with the Commission

and technical appeals part, technical panels, et cetera, because it never has been done in the last eight years.

It's been brushed away, even though there's facts out there, and Auditor General told the DEQ, you really need to do this, and they really didn't. Sure, they took care of a little bit of FR, but in fact it was never reevaluated.

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And prior to Mr. McNeely and Steve Owens coming onboard, and so forth, Patricia Nowak was prepared to put out cost ceiling questionnaires to everybody, not just select people. That was just completely banked. I just didn't understand the powers that were able to keep that evaluation from happening.

But, again, I appreciate your time here and, you know, you guys do need to write a report next year to say how you've done and so forth, and I totally agree with Phil, he's closed many sites, and I'm all for the environment being cleaned up. It's just I want it to be done with true costs. If you can determine drilling costs need to be 20 percent higher, like some people say, then adjust the cost ceilings. Some of the others need to be reduced, but it's never been done, and if I go to the technical appeals — not technical appeals but technical panel and ask, hey, you know, what items need to be reduced, of course, everybody is just going to say no.

Now, if we ask them, hey, should we reevaluate, 1 see if these costs are true, or what they should be, then 2 there may have been a different response. 3 But, again, I thank you guys and you won't see me 4 here that often anymore, so I appreciate it. 5 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Thank you for your comment. 6 I think we've addressed the issue. I don't have any other 7 formal response at this time. Okay. On to the next item, summary of meeting action items. I believe I'm going to write a letter. The 10 Technical Subcommittee is going to determine the next 11 Technical Subcommittee date, and I will instigate the 12 e-mail. I think that was it. 13 Whoa. Okay. Discussion of agenda items, 14 schedule for next Commission meeting. 15 How do people feel about a September meeting or 16 an October meeting, and are there any hot items at this 17 point that we really need to address? And it's the 18 Technical Subcommittee that's really doing the majority of 19 20 the work right now. So, Ms. Chaberski? MS. CHABERSKI: The only dynamic, and it might be 21 a few discussions, is the change in ADEQ corrective action 22 items regarding compliance with sampling. I wasn't here 23

But, I don't think it's a make it or break it.

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think we will have to have some discussions, and I'm not 1 quite sure the person who brought this up the level of 2 detail or what action item, but it seems to be more of a 3 long-term item, not an immediate September 24th item. 4 Does that make sense to the Commission. 5 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Yes. 6 MR. MC NEELY: And that item, we wrote this 7 quidance back in '98, '99, and it requires four quarters 8 of compliance sampling, and we've really been looking at the history of sampling. 10 So, we want to change the guidance, too. So, I 11 don't think there is any controversy. It's out there that 12 you are supposed to do this, but it's a guidance document, 1.3 so it's not binding. But we'd like to fix all of our 14 quidance to make it match what we are actually doing now, 15 but to do that takes a lot of effort, internal and 16 external, but it's not going to be controversial. 17 MS. CHABERSKI: It sounds like a little bit more 18 long-term discussion. So, other than for September 24th, 19 20 I don't see anything pressing. CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: Okay. And from the 21 Evaluation Subcommittee, you don't see anything? 22 23 MR. BUNCH: Basically I don't see anything between now and then that would require a meeting. 2.4

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CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: So, then, unless anyone

objects, our next meeting would be the October meeting. I 1 do like at least scheduling it two months out, and if for 2 some reason we don't need an October meeting, we will find 3 that out, but that way people can have it in on their 4 5 calendars. So the next UST Policy Commission, we will not 6 have a September meeting, and the next Policy Commission 7 meeting, I believe is scheduled for the 22nd of October. 8 Mr. Johnson, do you know if that's correct? 9 MR. JOHNSON: I don't. 10 CHAIRPERSON CLEMENT: The fourth Wednesday is the 11 22nd and the fifth Wednesday is the 29th, and I don't have 12 a calendar. It's either the 22nd or the 29th, but we will 1.3 get that notice out in a lot of advance notice. I'll 14 actually send an e-mail out after that to the Commission. 15 Okay. And if you have -- are there any agenda 16 items you want to make sure in this meeting that you 17 mentioned for the October meeting? Or just e-mail me if 18 you come up with anything in addition to our normal. 19 The next Policy Commission meeting then 2.0 will be in October. It will be either be the 22nd or the 21 And on that note, the UST Policy Commission meeting 2.2 August 27th, 2008 is adjourned. Thank you everybody. 23 (10:37 a.m.)24

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